

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND LICENSING**  
Committee Charter

1. AUTHORITY

As granted by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education ("Commission"), pursuant to South Carolina Code ("Code") Section 59-103-25.

2. PURPOSE

To provide leadership and guidance to the Commission in pursuit of the statutory goals of high academic quality and instructional excellence, all in furtherance of the mission of higher education in South Carolina, as stated and delineated in Code Section 59-103-15 and more specifically defined in Code Section 59-103-30(A).

3. MEMBERSHIP

As determined by the Commission Chair and Executive Committee.

4. MEETINGS

At an appointed time, date and place, prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, as recommended by Commission staff, approved by the Committee and Commission **and publicized in accordance with Code Section 30-4-80.**

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Primary review and recommendations of all applications for new majors, programs, schools, colleges and centers from research institutions, doctoral/professional universities, four-year colleges and universities, two-year institutions-branches of the University of South Carolina **and baccalaureate programs sought by technical colleges**, as referenced in Code Section 59-103-15.

(b) Primary review and recommendations of interstate reciprocity agreements that concern distance education, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-17.

(c) Primary review and recommendations of transferability of courses between two-year **(including technical colleges)** and four-year institutions, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(1).

(d) Primary review and recommendations of undergraduate admissions standards, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(2) and (3).

(e) Primary review and recommendations of developing mechanisms for gauging institutional academic success (**including enrollments, retention rates and graduation rates**) and of the promulgation of regulations to implement them, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(4)(a).

(f) Primary review and recommendations of any and all institutional mission statements, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-45(6).

(g) Primary review and recommendations of applications for licensure of nonpublic educational institutions (**including non-degree granting entities**), as defined and set forth in Chapter 58 of Title 59 of the Code.

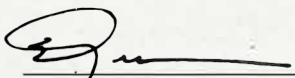
(h) Primary review and recommendations for the accreditation and chartering of chiropractic colleges, pursuant to Code Section 59-103-120.


(i) Primary review and recommendations of REACH Act compliance, pursuant to Code Section 59-29-130.

(j) Other reviews and recommendations as referred or assigned by the Commission or by the Commission Chair.

6. CHARTER REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Adopted by the Commission: December 7, 2023

  
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Committee Chair

  
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